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FULTON LEWIS, JR.: "In the meantime the Independent Cuban Information Service, headed by Carlos Todd, the very able former editor of the Havana Times, now in exile in Miami, published important intelligence information about conditions and circumstances inside Cuba in relation to the communist forces there, as provided to him by the Cuban student directorate in exile in Miami, which seems worthwhile reporting to you, in view of the defensive attitude and statements of the administration in regard to the Cuban buildup picture. I have reported to you myself on previous occasions on intelligence from this Cuban Student Directorate in exile, known as the DRE, and those reports have been proven to be highly accurate, and weeks--if not months--ahead of the information that the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY here is providing to the government.

"You might be interested, however, in knowing what Carlos Todd has to say about them in this issue of his Cuban Information Service. He says, quote, "The Cuban Student Directorate in exile, DRE, is a political organization composed of young men and women from five Cuban universities, in the main, the University of Havana and Villanova University, who at dire peril to their lives in 1960 rebelled against the thought that Fidel Castro should seize their centers of learning, and their country be forcefully communized by the Kremlin puppets. They are young people. They are dedicated people, and they serve the cause of Cuba with rare unselfishness. Quite aside from their fledgling political activities, they also are noted for their extremely accurate intelligence reports on Russian moves in the Soviet Caribbean Colony. Their well-organized underground informants in Cuba send vital information on a massive Soviet buildup of large numbers of troops and missiles at a time when this mortal threat to peace and security of the hemisphere was euphemistically and officially described as a limited number of technicians and harmless defensive toys."

"I might interject here that the reason Carlos Todd is publishing this information from the DRE in his own publication is that the DRE unhappily has had to suspend publication of its own weekly Cuban report for lack of funds, and thus is unable to get the information to the public itself. Mr. Todd calls attention to the fact that in his issue of last week he published detailed information from the DRE about the presence of over 18,700 troops in Cuba, and described their disposition in detail. The DRE was not able to obtain exact data on the number of Soviet personnel manning Russian submarine bases on the island, or data on the submarines themselves. But it's enough to say that they are there in appreciable and dangerous numbers and the construction of Soviet submarine bases continues apace.

"One interesting instance that the DRE reports shows, is the degree of control which the Russians exercise over Cuba today. On December 26, 1962 the town of Remedios in norther Los Villas (?) Province celebrated its liberation by Castro's